



**THE  
GREATEST STORY  
EVER TOLD**

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The ancients said this star would appear.\*

It means the King of the Jews is born.

We must send an envoy to worship Him.

I will organize a caravan immediately.

What an honor to actually look upon the Promised One.

See Matthew 1-2, and Luke 1-2.

\*Numbers 24:17

**A great caravan was prepared.**



**It would be a long and dangerous journey.**

**The wise men followed the star, bringing gifts.**



**But let's go back to the beginning.**

Before earth was formed, a great plan was set in motion, *involving you!*

In outer space was a power source composed of three distinct personalities.

This "Godhead" is the true and living God.

The holy scriptures call them the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost (God the Holy Spirit).

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." 1 John 5:7

*It was here this plan originates.*

The number two person of the Godhead (The Word) created the universe.

The Bible says: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:1, 3

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." John 1:14

This was the Great One the wise men were coming to see.



Around 700 B.C., the prophet  
Isaiah said:

"Therefore the Lord  
himself shall give  
you a sign,

Behold, a *virgin*  
shall conceive,  
and bear a son...

and shall call his  
name Immanuel."<sup>2</sup>  
Isaiah 7:14

<sup>2</sup>Which means, "God with us" (Matt. 1:23).

700 years later, Jerusalem was  
under the control of Rome...



and the Jews begged God to send  
the Messiah, the Promised One.



The angel Gabriel visited a virgin named Mary, who was engaged...

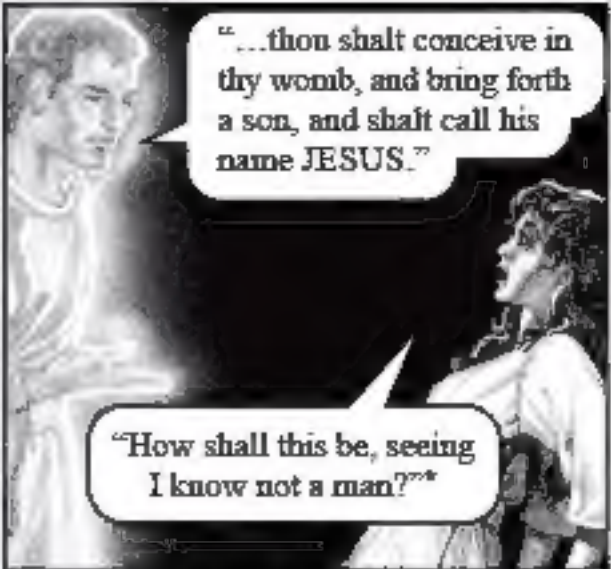


to Joseph of the house of David, and said...

"Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God."




The world would never be the same.



“...thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.”

“How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?”\*

\*Mary had never had sexual relations.



“The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee...”

and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee.”



The angel told Mary her child would be called the "Son of God."

"...be it unto me according to thy word."

**"For with God nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37**

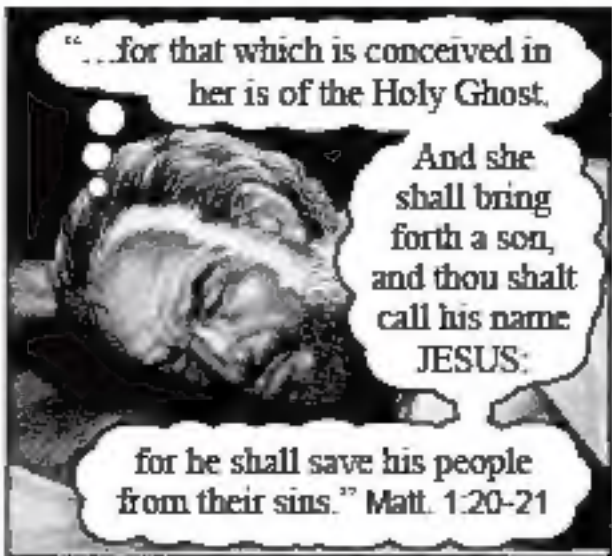


Joseph was troubled until God told him in a dream to take Mary as his wife...

"...for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost,

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS:

for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:20-21



Caesar Augustus decreed that all the world should be taxed, so Joseph went to Bethlehem to register.\*



\*Luke 2:1

**God's hand was in this.**

Mary and Joseph travelled 80 dangerous miles to get there.



The Bible prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:1-2)

Mary was ready to bring forth her first born  
but Bethlehem was overflowing with people  
*There was no room at the inn!*



They were forced to stay in a smelly stable



Far to the east the  
caravan was still  
following the star

## THE CHILD WAS BORN!



This incredible, unlimited Spirit, who is God, clothed Himself with a frail human body

Nearby shepherds were watching over their flocks when.

“ the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them.



And the angel said...


“For unto you is born  
this day in the city of  
David a Saviour which  
is Christ the Lord.

Ye shall find the babe  
wrapped in swaddling  
clothes, lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a multitude of angels appeared saying, “Glory to God  
in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

The shepherds went and found the child in Bethlehem. (See Luke 2)

When the caravan finally reached Jerusalem months later the wise men visited King Herod.

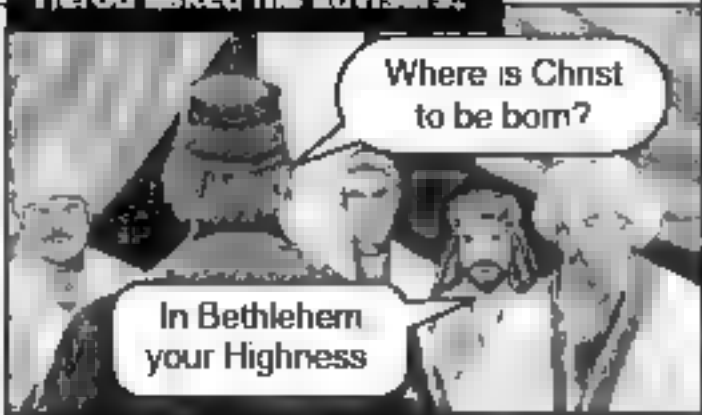


Where is he that is born King of the Jews?

**GASP!**

Could it be Christ was born and Herod knew nothing about it?

**Herod asked his advisers:**



Where is Christ to be born?

In Bethlehem your Highness

Herod immediately plotted to kill the Christ so he could stay in power

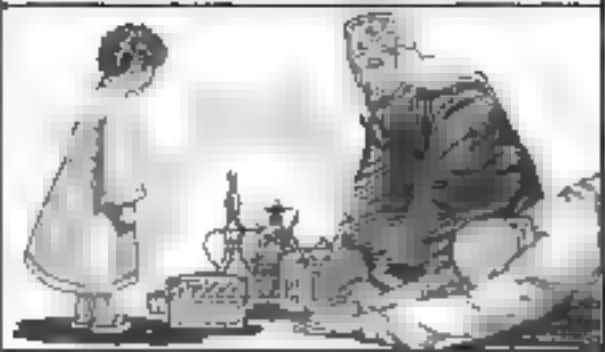


When you find the child, bring me word so I can worship him also



The star led the wise men to the house where Jesus was.

“ they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped HIM ”



And they brought him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

God told Joseph to flee to Egypt



because Herod was furious and wanted little Jesus dead.

Herod sent soldiers to Bethlehem to kill ALL the boys two and under

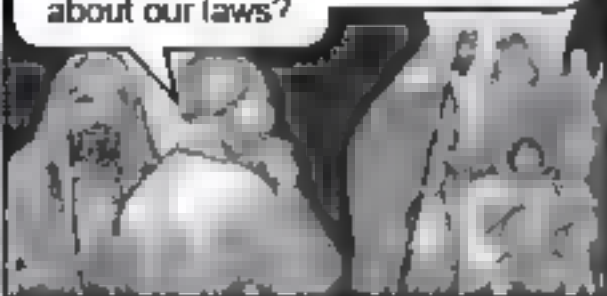


This satanic  
crime also  
fulfilled prophecy  
(Matt. 2:18)

When Herod  
died, the family  
returned to  
Nazareth.

At age 12, Jesus astonished  
the religious leaders

How can this child know so much  
about our laws?



Little did they know that they were  
talking to the God who gave those  
laws to Moses (See John 1:10)

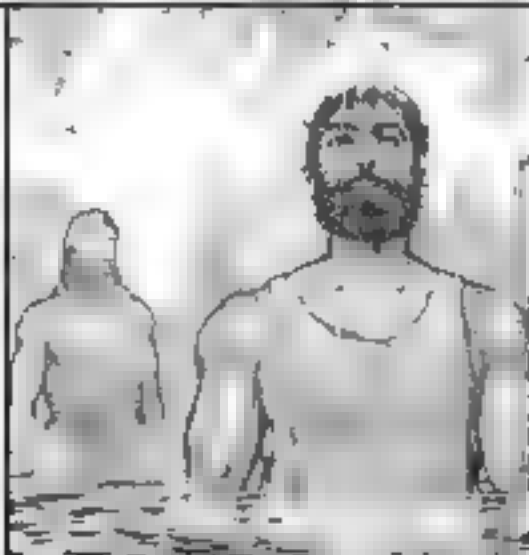
Every year, Jesus saw an innocent  
Passover lamb killed. Like the lamb,  
Jesus was pure. He NEVER sinned!\*



\*1 Peter 2:22  
\*\* John 1:29

Jesus knew that at age 33 He would  
become that Passover "lamb"\*\*\*

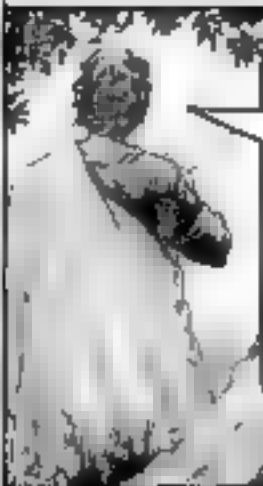
At age 30,  
the Lord  
Jesus Christ  
began His  
earthly  
ministry  
(Luke 3:23)



"In Him (Jesus)  
was life, and the  
life was the light of  
men. And the light  
shineth in darkness,  
and the darkness  
comprehended it  
not." John 1:4-5


**That was the greatest life ever lived!**

He healed the sick, raised the dead,  
cast out demons, and preached  
repentance and forgiveness.



“For God sent not  
his Son into the  
world to condemn  
the world, but  
that the world  
through him  
might be saved”  
John 3:17

Jesus told why He came to earth

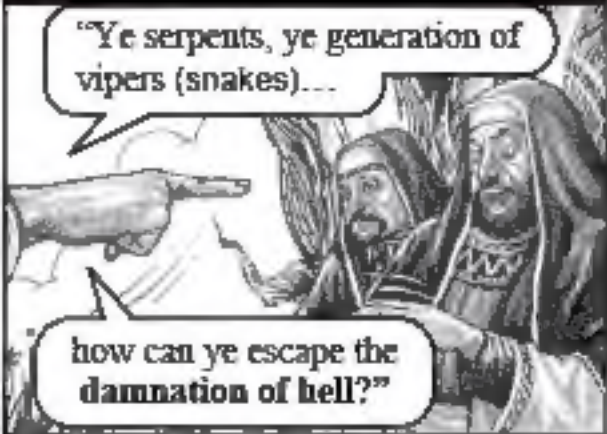


“For God  
so loved the  
world.

that he gave his only begotten  
Son, that whosoever believeth in  
him should not perish, but have  
everlasting life” John 3:16

Jesus exposed the corrupt religious leaders.

"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers (snakes)...."



how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

In their hatred, they fulfilled prophecy by hatching a plot to kill Him. (Isaiah 53:7-12)

Jesus shook the religious world with these words:



"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, *but by Me.*"  
John 14:6

He was falsely accused, tried by a rigged jury and sentenced to death.





**The Lamb of God was sacrificed for our sins.**

**"Truly this was the Son of God!"**

**"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8**

**Jesus was buried and three days later rose from the dead.  
Because of His sacrifice, anyone can now receive the gift of eternal life.**

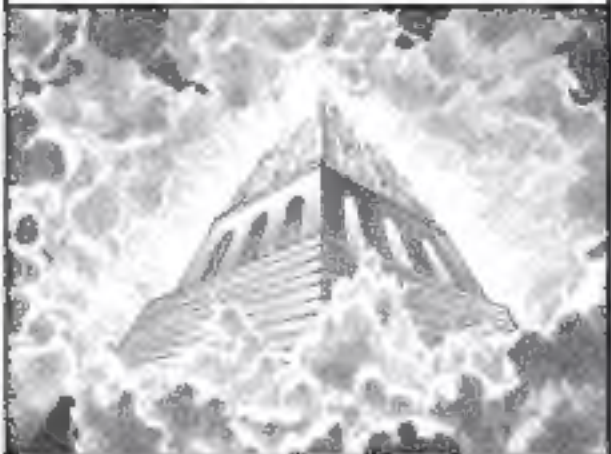
**You can receive eternal life right now  
by placing your trust in Jesus Christ:**

Lord, I know I'm a sinner. I repent  
and believe You died for me...

Please come  
into my heart  
and save me.



**If you have received Christ, you will  
live forever with Him in heaven.**



**This is the greatest story ever told.**

**"For whosoever shall call upon the name of  
the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13**

## THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

### **NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!**

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

### **WHAT TO PRAY**

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

*If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:*

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

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